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Member Departments: Chief Administrative Office Office of Affirmative Action Compliance Internal Services Department Department of Public Works

September 11, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

DEBARMENT OF G. COAST CONSTRUCTION AND EZRA LEVI (ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- Adopt the proposed findings, decision, and recommendations of the Contractor Hearing Board to debar G. Coast Construction and its principal owner, Ezra Levi, from bidding on, being awarded, and/or performing work on any contracts for the County of Los Angeles for a period of five years from the date of your Board's approval.
- 2. Instruct the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, to send notice to G. Coast Construction and Ezra Levi, advising of the debarment action taken by your Board.
- 3. Instruct the Director of Internal Services to enter this determination to debar G. Coast Construction and Ezra Levi into the Contract Data Base.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended debarment action against G. Coast Construction and its principal owner, Ezra Levi (Contractor), is to ensure the County of Los Angeles (County) contracts only with responsible contractors who comply with the terms and conditions of their County contracts, and with any relevant Federal, State, and local laws.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions are consistent with the County's Vision which supports shared values of integrity, professionalism, and accountability, and envisions the County as the premier organization for those working in the public's interest with a pledge to always work to earn the public trust.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Not applicable.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor Non-Responsibility and Debarment Ordinance

The Contractor Non-Responsibility and Debarment Ordinance, County Code Chapter 2.202, provides the County with the authority to terminate contracts and debar contractors when the County finds, in its discretion, that the contractor has done any of the following:

- Violated a term of a contract with the County or a nonprofit corporation created by the County;
- Committed an act or omission which negatively reflects on the contractor's quality, fitness, or capacity to perform a contract with the County, any other public entity, or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, or engaged in a pattern or practice which negatively reflects on the same;
- Committed an act or omission which indicates a lack of business integrity or business honesty; and
- Made or submitted a false claim against the County or any other public entity.

In considering debarment, the County may consider the seriousness and extent of the contractor's acts, omissions, patterns, or practices and any relevant mitigating factors.

Contractor Hearing Board (CHB) Responsibilities

County Code Chapter 2.202, the Contractor Non-Responsibility and Debarment Ordinance, established the CHB to provide an independent review of the contracting department's recommendation to debar a contractor. CHB is chaired by a representative from the Chief

Executive Office (CEO) and includes one representative from the Office of Affirmative Action Compliance (OAAC) and the Departments of Internal Services (ISD) and Public Works (DPW), respectively. In addition, CHB includes the departments of Health Services, Parks and Recreation, and Public Social Services as alternate member departments. The CEO is a nonvoting member except in the event the debarment action is initiated by the OAAC, ISD, or DPW. In such instances, the CEO exercises its vote and the CHB member from the department bringing the debarment action must recuse himself/herself from any participation in the hearing. In this particular debarment hearing, the representative from DPW did not sit on the CHB because of a potential conflict of interest arising from DPW's prior contractual relationship with G. Coast Construction. Therefore, the CEO representative voted.

In January 2007, DPW requested the CEO to convene the CHB to initiate debarment proceedings against G. Coast Construction and its principal owner, Ezra Levi, for:

- Violation of the terms of two DPW contracts with respect to the Piuma Road East of Mile Marker 2.81 (Project ID No. RDC0014714) and the Cooks Canyon Crib Dam M1-A Debris Basin Outlet Drain System (Project ID No. FCC000715) projects;
- Commission of an act or omission which negatively reflects on the contractor's quality, fitness, or capacity to perform a contract with the County, or engagement in a pattern or practice which negatively reflects on same;
- Commission of an act or offense which indicated a lack of business integrity or business honesty; and
- Submission of false claims against the County.

On January 24, 2007, DPW sent a certified letter to Ezra Levi, principal owner, notifying him of the Department's intent to initiate debarment proceedings against G. Coast Construction with a recommendation of permanent debarment. The hearing was scheduled on February 28, 2007 at 1:30 p.m., Assessment Appeals Board B-4, Room A in the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration (Attachment I).

The debarment hearing was conducted and, due to the length of the testimony of various witnesses, the matter was continued, publicly noticed for, and heard on March 19, 2007 at 9:00 a.m., in the Assessment Appeals Board Room B-28, Room E of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration (Attachment II). This hearing was conducted and, due to the length of the testimony of various witnesses, the matter was continued, publicly noticed for, and heard on April 18, 2007 at 1:00 p.m., in the Assessment Appeals Board B-28, Room E of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration (Attachment III). The final hearing on this matter

was conducted on, publicly noticed for, and heard on May 9, 2007 at 1:00 p.m., in the Assessment Appeals Board B-28, Room E of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration (Attachment IV). At this hearing, CHB voted to recommend contractor debarment for a period of five years.

- G. Coast Construction and Ezra Levi, as well as his attorney, Ilene Kurtzman, were provided all notices of the proposed debarment action and hearings before the CHB. The proceedings were recorded and audiotapes are available upon request, as well as all documents entered into the record as exhibits during the hearing. It should be noted that Ms. Kurtzman was only present at the last two hearings as Mr. Levi retained her as counsel after the proceedings had commenced.
- Attachment V is a listing of the exhibits that were entered into the record.
- Attachment VI is a listing of CHB members, departmental and Contractor's representatives, participating attorneys, and witnesses.

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE AND ARGUMENT

On behalf of DPW, County Counsel representative submitted correspondence and supporting documentation that alleged, among other things, G. Coast Construction made a false claim by submitting a fraudulent invoice to the County for payment. DPW presented witness testimony and written documentation to show the following:

Allegations - Cooks Canyon Project:

DPW alleged that G. Coast Construction:

- Failed to properly implement an approved Dewatering Plan, Surface Water Diversion Plan, and a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP);
- Intentionally coerced a subcontractor, Everest Environmental, to create a false invoice and submitted a false claim;
- Failed to provide a required project schedule;
- Failed to notify the County Inspector while performing work;
- · Committed unauthorized dumping on Flood Control property;
- Refused to export unclassified excavation material;

- Failed to provide timely submittals;
- Refused to work as directed pursuant to the Greenbook for disputed work;
- Intentionally delayed the project; and
- Attempted to construct inlet structure not in accordance with the contract plans.

Allegations - Piuma Road Project:

DPW alleged that G. Coast Construction:

- Failed to have a contractor representative on site;
- Refused to work as directed pursuant to the Greenbook for disputed work;
- Displayed poor workmanship on the concrete barrier railing and the concrete fascia wall;
- Did not provide the sufficient compressive strength in the development of the concrete fascia wall; and
- Failed to complete the contract on time.

In response to DPW's contentions, Ezra Levi and his attorney, Ilene Kurtzman, submitted correspondence and supporting documentation to CHB and presented additional testimony and documentation to show the following:

Response - Cooks Canyon Project:

- G. Coast Construction contended that they:
- Properly implemented the approved Dewatering Plan, the Surface Water Diversion Plan, and the SWPPP;
- Never submitted false invoices to the County and they never directed the creation of any fraudulent invoice by Everest Environmental;
- Never failed to provide a project schedule;

- Admittedly worked without notice to the County Inspector on one occasion, but this
 was a result of miscommunication between their home office and the field crew (G.
 Coast Construction alleges that they notified the County of this incident and it never
 happened again); and
- Did not do any unauthorized dumping on Flood Control Property and did not refuse to export unclassified excavation material on the Cooks Canyon Road.

In general, G. Coast Construction denied all of the remaining allegations.

Contractor's Response - Piuma Road Project:

- G. Coast Construction contended that they:
- Always had at least one, and sometimes two representatives, on site at all times for both the Cook Canyon and the Piuma Road projects (these representatives were Oscar Rodas [Supervisor] and Jose Rodas [Project Manager], and the County never provided G. Coast Construction with notification addressing this allegation);
- Never refused to work as directed pursuant to the *Greenbook* for disputed work;
- Displayed appropriate workmanship on the concrete barrier railing and the concrete fascia wall;
- · Provided sufficient compressive strength on the concrete fascia wall; and
- Completed the Piuma Road project on time notwithstanding the delays allegedly created by the County.

Note: Conflicting engineering reports were filed as both DPW and G. Coast Construction submitted documents supporting their respective position regarding the compressive strength of the concrete fascia wall.

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDED DECISION

After considering the evidence and arguments presented by the parties, CHB found that:

- Ezra Levi is the principal owner of G. Coast Construction.
- > The department had proven G. Coast Construction had committed multiple breaches of the contracts for the Cooks Canyon and Piuma Road projects, which

demonstrates both a pattern and practice that negatively reflects on its capacity to perform the tasks required as described below.

- > G. Coast Construction did not submit sufficient evidence to support its claim that it had appropriately performed all the contract tasks with respect to the Cooks Canyon and Piuma Road projects.
- ➤ G. Coast Construction failed to have a superintendent on site, displayed poor workmanship on the concrete barrier railing, and did not provide sufficient compressive strength when constructing the concrete fascia wall on the Piuma Road project.
- ➤ It was not proven that G. Coast Construction refused to work as directed pursuant to the *Greenbook* for disputed contract tasks and it was also not proven the Contractor did not attempt to complete the Piuma Road project on time, as it was noted that delays were caused by both parties.
- > G. Coast Construction worked without notifying a County Inspector on the Cooks Canyon Road project.
- > G. Coast Construction failed to properly implement an approved Dewatering Plan in the Cooks Canyon Road project.
- ➤ G. Coast Construction committed unauthorized dumping on the Flood Control property and refused to export unclassified excavation material on the Cooks Canyon project.
- ➤ G. Coast Construction committed fraudulent acts by intentionally coercing a subcontractor (Everest Environmental Consulting), to create a false invoice and submitting this false invoice to the County for payment.
- As noted by one member of the CHB, based on the evidence presented and the testimony, "the central issue of the fraudulent invoice was a serious allegation that demonstrated a lack of business honesty and integrity on behalf of G. Coast Construction." The CHB member stated that he was very impressed by the testimony provide by the witness from Everest Environmental Consulting and this witness provided a clear recollection of the events concerning the creation and submission of the false invoice; and the CHB member noted this witness had no motivation to provide false testimony. The CHB member also stated that he was convinced that G. Coast Construction had intentionally submitted a false invoice in an egregious attempt to seek additional unsubstantiated compensation.

In addition, this CHB member noted that both parties had to accept blame for the delays that hindered the completion of both projects; but, there was no doubt the Contractor did not provide the County with an "adequately engineered concrete fascia wall as required by the contract" and had failed to meet the contract requirements.

- Another member of CHB pointed out that the submission of the fraudulent invoice was an intentional act by G. Coast Construction, and this action reflected a substantial lack of business integrity. The CHB member noted that failure by G. Coast Construction to follow the mandates of the *Greenbook* for disputed work had placed the public at risk and the County expected a significantly higher quality of work than what was provided by G. Coast Construction. In addition, this CHB member noted that G. Coast Construction actions, while working on both projects, clearly demonstrated "a lack of business sophistication despite being in business over 23 years." But this member attributed some deficiencies to possibly a lack of experience with working for the County.
- The third member of the CHB was unsure as to the intent by the G. Coast Construction to defraud the County regarding the fraudulent invoice, however, this CHB member acknowledged the Contractor had without question made "costly mistakes" while working on both projects. This member of the CHB noted the mistakes by the Contractor carried penalties and had increased the County's liability and as such, G. Coast Construction would have to accept the consequences of their actions. This member concluded that it was unclear if the concrete fascia wall was poorly constructed due to the conflicting tests done on the wall by the independent consultants hired by both the Contractor and the County.

The CHB members conclusively agreed the following aggravating factors assisted them in reaching their recommendations for debarment of the contractor and its principal owner Ezra Levi for a period of five years:

- ➤ The actual or potential harm or impact that results or may result from the wrongdoing. CHB found the Contractor had failed to properly construct the wall and the result of this action placed the general public and both the County employees and contractor's employees at risk. However, CHB was not convinced the Contractor's actions were deliberate or intentional.
- ➤ The frequency of incidents and/or duration of the wrongdoing. CHB found that there were a number of incidents in which the Contractor failed to live up to the contract requirements.

- Whether and to what extent a contractor planned, initiated, or carried out the wrongdoing. CHB found the Contractor had intentionally submitted the fraudulent invoice to the County and this action was the most serious and damaging allegation that was clearly substantiated by the County in this matter.
- Whether a contractor has accepted responsibility for the wrongdoing, recognizes the seriousness of the misconduct that led to the cause for debarment, and has taken corrective action to cure the wrongdoing, including taking appropriate disciplinary actions against those responsible. CHB found the Contractor maintains that he did not intentionally submit a false invoice and instead attributes this to a misunderstanding.
- Whether a contractor has cooperated fully with the involved public entities during the investigation and any court or administrative action. CHB found that Contractor had cooperated with the County to a certain extent and the Contractor was responsive to County inquiries. However, CHB found the Contractor's response was not adequate and did not address the allegations made by the County.
- The positions held by the individuals involved in the wrongdoing. CHB found that Mr. Levi was the principal owner and in this role, he had submitted the false invoice to the County and he provided direction in the construction of the inadequate wall.
- Whether the contractor has fully investigated the circumstances surrounding the case for a debarment finding and if so, made the results of the investigation available to the County. CHB found the contractor had investigated the allegations and presented some evidence to refute the charges. However, CHB found the Contractor's evidence regarding the most serious allegation of the fraudulent invoice was lacking in the face of the Department's evidence, and demonstrated an intentional attempt to defraud the County.

Therefore, by unanimous vote, CHB decided to recommend to your Board that G. Coast Construction and its principal owner, Ezra Levi, be debarred; by a separate majority vote, CHB recommended a debarment period of five years. In the separate majority vote, one CHB member recommended a debarment period of three years. In making these recommendations, the CHB considered the repeated and blatant violations of the terms of the contract committed by G. Coast Construction, the multiple acts which negatively reflected on the contractor's quality, fitness, or capacity to perform a contract with the County and which indicated a lack of business integrity or business honesty, and the submission of false claims against the County.

IMPACT ON CURRENT PROJECTS

Not applicable.

CONCLUSION

The Contractor Non-Responsibility and Debarment process is working as your Board intended to help assure that the County contracts only with responsible contractors who comply with all relevant laws, as well as the terms and conditions of their contracts. The process has also identified potential areas for County contracting program improvements to promote a better understanding of contracting requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTIN K. ZIMMERMAN

Assistant Chief Executive Officer Chair, Contractor Hearing Board

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Attachments (6)

c: William T Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer Donald L. Wolfe, Director, Public Works Dennis A. Tafoya, Affirmative Action Compliance Officer Raymond G. Fortner, Jr., County Counsel Dave Lambertson, Director of Internal Services Ezra Levi, Owner, G. Coast Construction Craig S. Berman, Attorney at Law

2007-09 Debarment of G. Coast Construction and Ezra Levi Board Letter 09-11-07



DONALD L. WOLFE, Director

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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO P.O. BOX 1460 ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA 91802-1460

> IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO FILE: C-1

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

January 24, 2007

Mr. Ezra Levi G. Coast Construction, Inc. 5461 Encino Avenue Encino, CA 91316

Dear Mr. Levi:

DEBARMENT PROCEEDINGS

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works intends to initiate debarment proceedings against you and G. Coast Construction, Inc. (collectively G. Coast), pursuant to County Code, Section 2.202, et seq. A debarment may result in you and your firm being permanently barred from bidding on any contract with the County as defined by Los Angeles County Code Section, 2.202.020. PUBLIC WORKS INTENDS TO SEEK PERMANENT DEBARMENT IN THIS PROCEEDING.

You are hereby notified that the Debarment Hearing with the Centractor's Hearing Board will be held on:

DATE:

Wednesday, February 28, 2007

TIME:

1:30 to 5 p.m.

LOCATION: Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration

Room B4A

500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Our action is based on G. Coast's conduct on the Piuma Road East of Mile Marker 2.81, Project ID No. RDC0014714, and the Cooks Canyon Crib Dam M1-A Debris Basin Outlet Drain System, Project ID No. FCC0000715, projects.

Mr. Ezra Leví January 24, 2007 Page 2

A brief summary of G. Coast's contract infringements for the Piuma Road project is as follows:

- 1. Failure to have a contractor representative on site.
- 2. Refusal to work as directed pursuant to the Greenbook for disputed work.
- 3. Poor workmanship on the concrete barrier railing.
- 4. Poor workmanship on the concrete facia wall.
- 5. Insufficient compressive strength of concrete facia wall.
- 6. Failure to complete the contract on time.

A brief summary of G. Coast's contract infringements for the Cooks Canyon project is as follows:

- 1. Failure to provide a schedule as required in the contract.
- 2. Failure to provide timely submittals.
- 3. Crew working without notifying a County Inspector.
- 4. Failure to properly implement approved Dewatering Plan.
- 5. Failure to properly implement approved Surface Water Diversion Plan.
- 6. Failure to properly implement approved Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan.
- 7. Unauthorized dumping on Flood Control property.
- 8. Refusal to export unclassified excavation material.
- 9. Attempting to construct inlet structure not in accordance with Contract plans.
- 10. Failure to implement approved shoring plan.
- 11. Failure to work as directed pursuant to the Greenbook for disputed work.
- 12. Intentionally delaying the project.
- 13. Intentionally coercing a subcontractor to create a false invoice for payment.
- 14. Submission of false claims for payment.

These acts are a violation of the Los Angeles County Code Section, 2.202.040. The County Code is available online at the County website www.lacounty.info.

At the Contractor Hearing Board, you are entitled to appear and/or be represented by an attorney or other authorized representative to present evidence against a finding of debarment. At the hearing, your representative may offer documentary evidence, present witnesses, and offer rebuttal evidence as authorized by the County Code.

The parties may agree to submit the matter on the basis of documentary evidence only.

Mr. Ezra Levi January 24, 2007 Page 3

The hearing will consider all those acts that (1) violated the terms of the contract; (2) indicate a lack of business integrity and business honesty; (3) the commission of acts or omission that negatively reflect on the contractor's quality, fitness, or capacity to perform a contract with the County or engaged in a pattern or practice that negatively reflects same; or (4) having made or submitted a false claim against the County.

After the debarment hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board will prepare a proposed decision. This decision will contain a recommendation to the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors as to whether or not Ezra Levi and/or G. Coast Construction, Inc., should be debarred and, if so, the appropriate length of time for debarment. The Board of Supervisors may, in its discretion, limit any further hearing to the presentation of evidence not previously presented. The Board of Supervisors has the right to modify, deny, or adopt the Contractor Hearing Board's proposed decision and recommendation. Any debarment finding shall become final upon the approval by the Board of Supervisors.

You must confirm with Mr. Tim Bazinet of Public Works in writing whether you and/or your representative intend to be present at the Contractor Hearing Board. Your response must be sent to Mr. Bazinet, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Construction Division, 8th Floor, Alhambra, California 91803, by United States Mail or via facsimile and be received no later than 5 p.m. on February 7, 2007. Failure to confirm the hearing date or otherwise respond may result in waiving all rights to a hearing before the Contractor Hearing Board.

If you choose to contest the proposed debarment at the Contractor Hearing Board, the County will provide you with a list of prospective witnesses and copies of all documentary evidence at least five days prior to the scheduled hearing. If you intend to present evidence against the proposed debarment, you must provide Public Works with a list of prospective witnesses and copies of any documentary evidence at least five working days prior to the hearing. Each party must also provide the Contractor Hearing Board five copies of each item they provided in the exchange. The deadline for exchange of the list and documents is February 21, 2007.

Mr. Ezra Levi January 24, 2007 Page 4

If you have any questions, please contact our attorney, Michael L. Moore, Deputy County Counsel, at (213) 974-8407.

Very truly yours,

DONALD L. WOLFE Director of Public Works

Deputy Director

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cc: County Counsel (Michael L. Moore)
Chief Administrative Office (Contractor Hearing Board - Vincent Amerson)



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March 7, 2007

Member Departments: Chief Administrative Office Office of Affirmative Action Compliance Internal Services Department Department of Public Works

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Ezra Levi, Owner (VIA FACSIMILE AND CERTIFIED MAIL)
G. Coast Construction, Inc.
5461 Encino Avenue
Encino, CA 91316

Dear Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Levi:

CONFIRMATION OF DEBARMENT HEARING

This letter is to provide notice that the continued hearing on the proposed debarment of G. Coast Construction, Inc. and its principal owner will be held on Monday, March 19, 2007 at 9:00 a.m., in Room B-28, Hearing Room E, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

If you have any questions regarding these proceedings, please contact Vincent Amerson of this office at (213) 974-1168 or via e-mail to vamerson@cao.lacounty.gov.

Sincerely,

MARTIN K. ZIMMERMAN

Assistant Administrative Officer

Office of Unincorporated Area Services and Special Projects

Chair, Contractor Hearing Board

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Attachment

c: Nancy Takade, Principal Deputy County Counsel, (Via Electronic Mail) Michael L. Moore, Deputy County Counsel, (Via Electronic Mail)

2007-03 Confirmation of Debarment Hearing Coast Construction 03-07-07



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Member Departments: Chief Administrative Office Office of Affirmative Action Compliance Internal Services Department Department of Public Works

March 29, 2007

Donald L. Wolfe, Director of Public Works County of Los Angeles 900 South Fremont Avenue Alhambra, CA 91803

Ezra Levi, Owner (VIA FACSIMILE AND CERTIFIED MAIL) G Coast Construction, Inc. 5461 Encino Avenue Encino, CA 91316

Dear Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Levi:

CONFIRMATION OF DEBARMENT HEARING

This letter is to provide notice that the continued hearing on the proposed debarment of G Coast Construction, Inc. and its principal owner will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, and will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m., Room B-28, Hearing Room E, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

If you have any questions regarding these proceedings, please contact Vincent Amerson of this office at (213) 974-1168 or via e-mail to vamerson@cao.lacounty.gov.

Sincerely,

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Michael L. Moore, Deputy County Counsel (Via Electronic Mail)

2007-03 Confirmation of Debarment Hearing - Levi 03-29-07



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April 23, 2007

Member Departments:
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Internal Services Department
Department of Public Works

Donald L. Wolfe, Director of Public Works County of Los Angeles 900 South Freemont Avenue Alhambra, CA 91803 Alternate Member Departments:
Department of Health Services
Department of Parks and Recreation
Department of Public Social Services

Ezra Levi, Owner (VIA FACSIMILE AND CERTIFIED MAIL)
G. Coast Construction, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Levi:

RE: CONFIRMATION OF DEBARMENT HEARING

This letter is to provide notice that the continued hearing on the proposed debarment of G. Coast Construction, Inc. and its principal owner will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 2007, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Room B-28, Hearing Room E, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

As indicated to the parties on April 18, 2007, time limits will be strictly observed at the next hearing. The hearing will begin with the rebuttal presentations by each party. In addition, each party may present brief closing statements and the hearing will conclude with the Contractor Hearing Board deliberations.

If you have any questions regarding these proceedings, please contact Vincent Amerson of this office at (213) 974-1168 or via email to vamerson@cao.lacounty.gov.

Sincerely,

MARTIN K. ZIMMERMAN Assistant Administrative Officer

Office of Unincorporated Area Services and Special Projects

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Michael L. Moore, Deputy County Counsel, County Counsel (via electronic mail)
Ilene Kurtzman, Attorney
Each Member, Contractor Hearing Board (via electronic mail)

CONTRACTOR HEARING BOARD

EXHIBITS ENTERED INTO THE RECORD OF THE DEBARMENT HEARING OF G. COAST CONSTRUCTION AND ITS PRINCIPAL OWNER, EZRA LEVI

County of Los Angeles, Public Works Department:

Correspondence and supporting documentation prepared by Michael L. Moore, Deputy County Counsel, consisting of:

- Witness List
- Exhibit Book 1 dated February 28,2007
- Box of core samples from Cooks Canyon project wall
- Greenbook and Graybook

G. Coast Construction, Inc.

Correspondence and supporting documentation prepared by Ezra Levi, Owner, consisting of

- Witness List
- Exhibit dated February 21, 2007
- Exhibit dated March 18, 2007
- Exhibit titled "Smith-Emery Documents for 4th Hearing"
- Supplemental Exhibit of Statement of Contract Progress Reports
- Supplemental Exhibit of Project Memorandums

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CONTRACTOR HEARING BOARD

DEBARMENT PROCEEDINGS FOR G. COAST CONSTRUCTION AND EZRA LEVI

HEARINGS HELD

February 28, 2007 – 1:30 P.M. March 19, 2007 – 9:00 A.M. April 18, 2007 – 1:00 P.M. May 9, 2007 – 1:00 P.M.

HEARINGS LOCATIONS

Assessment Appeals Board Room B4-A and Room B-28E Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

CONTRACTOR HEARING BOARD

Martin Zimmerman, Chair, Assistant Executive Officer, Chief Executive Office Ozie L. Smith, Senior Deputy Compliance Officer, Office of Affirmative Action Compliance David Yamashita, General Manager, Internal Services Department Nancy Takade, Legal Advisor to CHB, Principal Deputy County Counsel Vincent Amerson, Analyst, CEO, Staff to CHB

G. COAST CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

Ezra Levi, Owner Dicla Levi, Daughter of Ezra Levi Jose Rodas, Supervisor Ilene Kurtzman, Attorney at Law

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Tim Bazinet, Engineer

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Michael L. Moore, Deputy County Counsel

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Ernie Roldan, Inspector, Public Works
Ken Salehpour, Inspector, Public Works
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Ryan Paris, Consultant, Everest Environmental Consulting

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